Chapter 15

A Strict Shop Owner and the New Curry For the Menu

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FOOL! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?

GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
THAT'S NOT SO BAD. HE SAID MINE WAS HARD TO INGEST
THE OWNER SAID THIS SORT OF ORDINARY CURRY CAN BE EATEN ANYWHERE
YOU FAILED AS WELL
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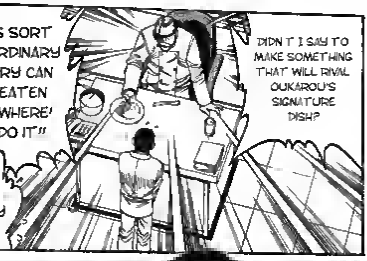
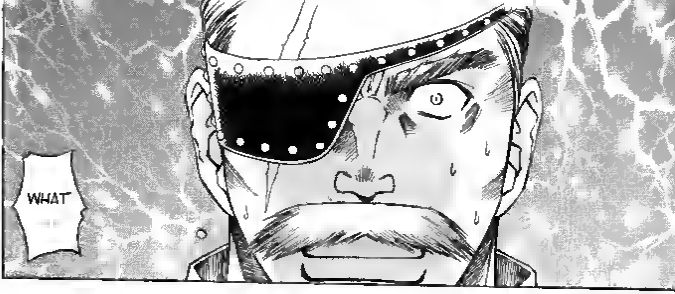

THIS SORT OF ORDINARY CURRY CAN BE EATEN ANYWHERE! REDO IT!!
YES, OKAY
DIDN'T I SAY TO MAKE SOMETHING THAT WILL RIVAL OUKAROU'S SIGNATURE DISH?

KNOCK KNOCK
EXCUSE ME!
BITCH! THAT BASTARD!
MO-FO!

ARE YOU DONE?
AH, MAT-SUBE!

STAND ASIDE, YOU SMALL FRIES! ALL OF YOU ARE IDIOTS.
AH... MAT-SUBE-SAN...

EH ? YOU MADE THIS WITH SCAL-LOPS?
PLEASE SAVOUR IT..
THIS NEW CURRY IS MADE WITH MY COMPLETE AND UTTER EFFORT!
MATSUBE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE SITU-ATION WITH MANTO?
LET'S PUT THIS ON TOMORROW'S MENU AND LET THE CUSTOMERS TRY IT!
GUP...
WELL DONE! YOU PASSED!
KOENJI !?
FUU.. IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE HIGH EXPECTIONS FOR HIM..
HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS? THE INGREDIENTS HE CHOSE TO USE IS ACTUALLY...
YES! THANK YOU FOR YOUR APP-RECIATION!



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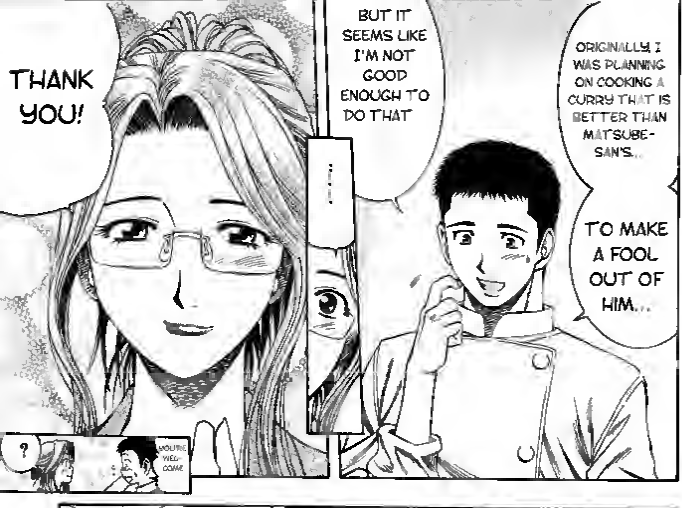
THANK YOU!
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO DO THAT
ORIGINALLY I WAS PLANNING ON COOKING A CURRY THAT IS BETTER THAN MATSUBE-SAN'S...
TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF HIM...
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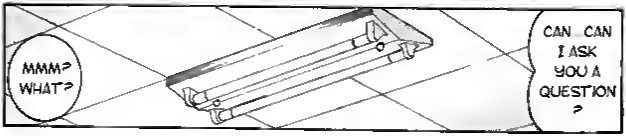
WELCOME


MMM? WHAT?
CAN...CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION ?

THE OWNER AND MATSUBE-SAN SEEM TO BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HIM!
ALTHOUGH MATSUBE SAN IS FULL OF HOSTILITY.

THAT GUY WHO IS HE?

HE USED TO WORK HERE TWO YEARS AGO.
ALTHOUGH ONLY FOR 3 MONTHS OR SO.
THAT GUY

AT FIRST, EVERYONE THOUGHT HE WAS A HOMELESS DRIFTER
A WIERDO THAT ONLY PICKS THROUGH GARBAGE
AFTER CAREFUL QUESTIONING, WE REALIZED THAT HE WENT TO THE BIRTHPLACES OF CURRY, SUCH AS INDIA, THAILAND AND SRI LANKA, TO LEARN THE TECHNIQUES OF COOKING CURRY...
FOR EVERYTHING REGARDING CURRY, THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE CHEF AT OUKAROU WHO CAN MATCH HIM.

BUT HE'S SEARCHING ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR THE PERFECT CURRY.
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A-AMAZING! HE'S THAT YOUNG AND HE'S BEEN TO SO MANY COUNTRIES...
MAYBE HE'S THE SON OF SOME WEALTHY MERCHANT?
EVEN THOUGH HE DOES'NT SEEM LIKE IT
HAHA I ONLY KNOW THIS MUCH I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THE OTHER THINGS REGARDING HIM

KNOCK KNOCK
UNLESS...
IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PERSON THAT HE'S LOOKING FOR?

MAKITO I HAVE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR YOU!
WHAT HAVE YOU MADE FOR ME?
AH
YOUR SATISFAC-TION IS GUARAN-TEED!
OU KAROU
THIS IS.....
IT

WHY IS IT LIKE THIS...
THE ABOVE 2 PEOPLE'S DISHES WILL BE ADDED TO TODAY'S MENU
KOENJI, MATSUBE
NEW DISH COMPETITION, PASSING CANDIDATES
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THAT IDIOT'S CURRY...!!
MAKITO-SAN! YOU'RE AWESOME!
WHAT THE HELL! KOENJI ~~~~~
WHY? HOW CAN THIS BE?
WHAT KIND OF DELICIOUS DISH COULD BE CREATED FROM LEFTOVER MATERIAL?
WEL-COME!
THE OWNER MUST BE BLIND! LETTING HIM SLIP THROUGH!
NO MATTER WHAT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ANYTHING GOOD OUT OF LEFTOVERS...
WEL-COME!
YES!
YES!
IT'S OPENING TIME!
FOR-GET IT...

THE PERFECT SCALLOP CURRY!
MY CURRY IS MADE WITH MY UTMOST CARE, AND USING THE BEST INGREDIENTS!
I'M SORRY! WE'RE ONLY SERVING THE TWO NEW CURRY DISHES ON THE MENU TODAY.
THEN WE'LL HAVE THOSE TWO!
HE CAN'T BE COMPARED WITH ME AT ALL!
I WILL DEFINATELY NOT LOSE THIS MATCH!!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. WHO'S HAVING THE SCALLOP CURRY?
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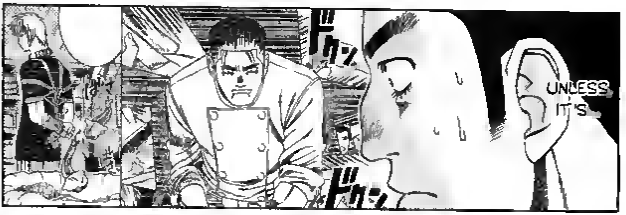
HERE'S THE OTHER CURRY ---
HMM! THIS IS DELICIOUS!
AH, IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!
HMM
CHEW
!

HEY! CAN YOU REALLY EAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
IS THAT REALLY CURRY?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? WHY IS IT ALL BLACK!?

EH...?
A BLACK COLOUR...?
MISS, IS THERE A PROBLEM?
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE BLACK INK... AFTER THE CUSTOMERS SEE IT, THEY DON'T WANT TO EAT IT.
HEHEHE... JUST AS I PREDICTED!

UNLESS THE BLACK COLOUR IS FROM
WAIT

REALLY? IT WOULD BE FREE?
IF THERE'S ANY PROBLEMS, WE WON'T CHARGE YOU ANYTHING.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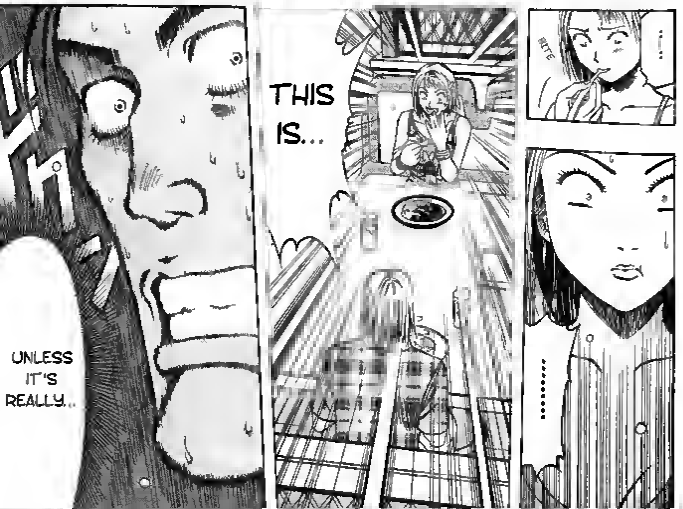

UNLESS IT'S REALLY...
THIS IS...
BITE
.....

IT WAS THAT -----!?
SQUID INK!?
HUH!? REALLY?
IT'S DELICIOUS!
THE STENCH OF SQUID IS COMPLETELY ABSENT. IT'S DELICIOUS!
YOU'RE RIGHT! AND I THOUGHT THE SQUID INK WOULD STINK!

WHAT!? NO WAY! THIS IS MINE!
WHY DON'T I TRADE MY SCALLOP CURRY FOR YOURS!
THE SQUID LEFTOVERS THAT WERE "DISCARDED"
IS IT SQUID INK
WOW, THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER IT!
IT'S TRUE
THANKS A LOT!
JEU...
I COULDN'T HAVE MADE THIS CURRY WITHOUT YOU!
AMAZING! MAKITO-SAN YOU'RE AWESOME!
YOU DID IT! MA-CHAN!
SUCH KEEN OBSERVATION SKILLS! HE ACTUALLY SAW THE DISCARDED SQUID INNARDS.
MOREOVER, HE'S ABLE TO MAKE THEM INTO A NEW CURRY DISH! WHAT A GREAT IDEA!
HE'S TOTALLY OUT OF OUR LEAGUE!
MAT-SUBE!

SQUID CURRY

(1) MAKING THE CURRY SAUCE

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

- 1 TBSP BUTTER
- 1 MEDIUM SIZED ONION
- 1 CLOVE GARLIC
- 1 SLICE GINGER
- 1/2 CARROT
- 1/2 APPLE
- 2 TBSP CURRY POWDER
- 50G FLOUR
- 1 CUP TOMATO SAUCE
- 1/2 CUP MILK
- 4 CUP BROTH
- 40G HOT SAUCE
- 1 BAG MIXED SPICES#1
- SALT (TO TASTE)

STEP 1: HEAT UP THE BUTTER IN THE POT AND THEN ADD IN DICED ONIONS

STEP 2: AFTER THE ONIONS GET A GOLDEN COLOUR, ADD IN CRUSHED GARLIC AND GINGER. ALSO, SHRED THE CARROT AND APPLE BEFORE ADDING THEM INTO THE POT. STIR WELL.

STEP 3: ONCE THE MOISTURE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ABSORBED, ADD THE CURRY POWDER WHILE STIRRING THE CONTENTS. NEXT, ADD THE FLOUR. THEN COOK ON LOW HEAT TO AVOID CHARRING.

STEP 4: SLOWLY MIX IN THE TOMATO SAUCE, AS WELL AS THE MILK AT ROOM TEMPERATURE. NEXT, POUR IN THE BROTH

STEP 5: ADD IN THE HOT SAUCE AND SALT. LASTLY, ADD IN THE BAG OF MIXED SPICES, AND COOK ON LOW HEAT FOR ONE HOUR

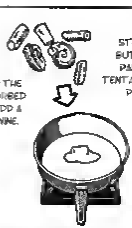
STEP 6: THE CURRY SAUCE IS DONE.

FOOTNOTE #1: THE MIXED SPICES CONSIST OF BAYLEAF, THYME, AND PARSLEY.

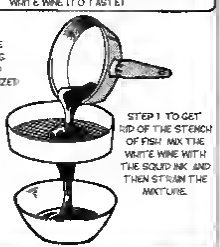
(2) MAKING THE SQUID CURRY

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

STEP 3 AFTER THE SQUID HAS ABSORBED THE BUTTER, ADD A BIT OF WHITE WINE.



STEP 2 HEAT UP THE BUTTER IN THE FRYING PAN. CHOP THE SQUID TENTACLES INTO BITE SIZED PROPORTIONS AND STIR FRY THEM.



STEP 1 TO GET RID OF THE STENCH OF FISH, MIX THE WHITE WINE WITH THE SQUID INK AND THEN STRAIN THE MIXTURE.

STEP 6 ONCE IT'S PLATED, ADD A BIT OF FRESH CREAM

STEP 5 NEXT, ADD THE SQUID INK FROM STEP 1 AND THEN STIR EVENLY. ALSO, ADD THE BUTTER.

STEP 4 ADD IN THE PRE-MADE CURRY SAUCE.

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THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT INTO THE COMPETITION
HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT TO LAUGH AT OTHERS.
MAT'S-UBE-SAN!!
THAT'S RIGHT... THIS ISN'T FAIR!
HMM...
SIR
YOU ONLY LOST ONE MATCH! THERE WILL STILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO RETURN THE FAVOUR!
PLEASE GET OFF THE FLOOR! CHEER UP! YOU HAVE TO COMPETE WITH MAKITO-SAN!
OH YEAH... OUT OF ALL OF US ONLY MAT'SUBE SAN'S CURRY PASSED THE OWNER'S CRITERIA
WE DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO LAUGH AT HIM
WE COULDN'T EVEN DO THAT...

MUKAI
...
TH-THEREFORE, LET'S MAKE AN EVEN BETTER CURRY TOGETHER!
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T MAKE ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT, BUT I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD!
MUKAI-KUN...
WE WE WILL TOO
WHAT FORGIVENESS! YOU'RE OUR ROLE MODEL!
WE'RE COLLE-AGUES!
IS IT REALLY OKAY? DO YOU ALL FORGIVE ME? DESPITE MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOU GUYS BEFORE.
EVERY EVERY-ONE
LET'S START FROM SCRATCH ONCE MORE!
ME TOO!
I'LL HELP OUT AS WELL MAT-SURE-SAN!
AH... OKAY!
COLL-EAGUES
COLLE AGUES
JUST YOU WATCH! TOGETHER,
WE'LL DEFINATELY BE ABLE TO COOK A CURRY THAT'S BETTER THAN YOURS!
DID YOU HEAR THAT? KOENJI!

OKAY!
DO WHAT-EVER YOU GUYS WANT!
HEY!
THIS IS YOUR DOING!

HEH... THANK YOU MAKI'O
AH!! I FORGOT TO CALL YU!
HUH!? ARE YOU JOKING!?
MAKI'O~~